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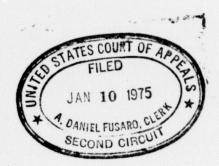
RAYMOND JOHNSON,

APPELLANT

On Appeal from United States District Court for the District of Vermont

APPENDIX FOR THE APPELLANT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF VERMONT

C. 74-36

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sections 812, 841, 952, 960,

) and 963

Title 21, and Section 2, 545

) Title 1

United States Code

COUNT I

The Grand Jury charges:

RAYMOND JOHNSON

From on or about November 1, 1973 up to and including January 10, 1974 in the District of Vermont and elsewhere, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully and knowingly did combine, confederate and agree together, with Stephen Loewe, named herein as a co-conspirator and with other persons to the Grand Jury unknown, to commit offenses against the United States, to wit, to violate Sections 812 and 952(a), Title 21, United States Code.

It was part of the conspiracy that conspirators RAYMOND JOHNSON and Stephen Loewe would knowingly and intentionally import into the United States from a place outside thereof quantities of methamphetamine, a schedule II, controlled substance, in violation of Sections 812 and 952(a), Title 21, United States Code.

As part of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the District of Vermont:

- 1. On or about December 28, 1973 Stephen Loewe drove an automobile into the United States from Canada.
- 2. On or about December 28, 1973 RAYMOND JOHNSON made a statement to Garyy Gardner.

COUNT II

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 28th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendant, unlawfully, knowingly and willfully did import into the United States from a place outside thereof approximately one and one-half pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of Sections 812, 952, and 960, Title 21, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT III

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 28th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendant, unlawfully, knowingly and willfully did possess with intent to distribute approximately one and one-half pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of Section 841, Title 21, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT IV

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 28th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendant, unlawfully, willfully, knowingly and fraudulently did import into the United States merchandise contrary to law, to wit, two plastic bags containing one and one-half pounds of a white substance; in violation of Section 545, Title 18, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

A TRUE BILL

/s/ CHARLES L. BAKER, JR.
Foreman

GEORGE W. F. COOK UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By:/s/ JEROME F. O'NEILL
JEROME F. O'NEILL
ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY

DATE: April 4, 1974

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" 8	Filed Appoin	tment of Day:	id Gibs	on, Esq.	as counsel	for defer	ndant.	
" 26	In Court befo	re Judge Holden. William Gray, Esq. for Govt.; David , Esq. and Bruce Weber, Esq. for Deft. Deft. present						
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" " Court makes in		nguiries of D	eft. be	fore ple	a	of not a	nilte	
" Deft. waives reading of Indictment and en as to all four counts of Indictment			t.					
" Mr. Gray moves that bail posted in Cr. 74-7 be exonera				rated and	bail			
	in this case be fixed in Cr. 74-36 in the sum of \$500 with							
-	10% deposit. Deft. to be limited to States of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont.							
" ORDERED: Motion granted as to bail.				tod				
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and moves for early trial, and states analysis of drug su stance has not been made.								
	" Court informs counsel to prepare a proposed order re analysis. Case continued for one week.							
- 11 - 11	Court informs	counsel to p	repare	a propos	ed order re	analysis	•	

1974	PROCEZDINGS .	
Apr. 26	Filed Appearance Bond in the amount of \$5,000, transferred from	
mpr. 20	Cr. 74-7.	3.
-11	" Deft.'s Motion for Bill of Particulars.	4.
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	Particulars.	 -
May 13	Filed Order for Independent Chemical Analysis for Evidence	6. ~
	Substance. Mailed copy to Attorneys. Filed Government's Bill of Particulars for Count I.	7.
June 7		
10	Ass't. U. S. Attorney for Government. David A. Gibson,	
-	Esq., for Defendant.	
11 11	A Jury was impaneled by the Clerk.	
11 11	ORDERED; that two alternates be drawn and two alternate Jurors	
	were drawn by the Clerk.	
11 11	The Oath to Petit Jurors in a criminal case was administered by	
	the Clerk to the Jurors.	—
-11 11	Opening statements were made to the Jury by Mr. O'Neill.	
	Mr. Gibson reserves the right to make an opening statement at	
11 11	this time.	
•	The following witnesses, sworn by Clerk, were examined for Government: John R. Hurley, Richard E. Hamilton, John Clark,	
	and Gary Gardner.	
11 11	Jury excused.	
11 11	We o'Neill continues his examination of Mr. Gardner as to	
	methods he used in affording defendant his rights before	
	his signing of waiver.	
11 11	Mr Cibson objects to method used stating his client was not	
4	appraised of his connection in the case of smuggling at the	
	time he signed waiver, that he has the right to know what charges he is being charged with, under the Miranda warnings.	
11 11	Walter Raymond Kiniry, Jr., sworn by Clerk, was examined for	
	Government.	
. 19 19	Court makes inquiry of witness.	
06 00	Gary Gardner was recalled and re-examined for Government.	
11 11	Court makes inquiry of witness.	
11 11	At the Bench, attorneys and defendant present, record may snow	
	Court called attention to counsel that the proceedings that	
	have been held outside the hearing of the Jury have been	
	done in the presence of a member of the Press. Counsel have indicated they do not wish to have the Jury sequestered	
	and Court will take a recess and instruct the Jury not to	
	mad anything shout it in the naner.	
11 11	In open Court, Jury present, Court informs Jury they are excused until 9:30 A.M. tomorrow morning and instructs them not to	
	until 9:30 A.M. tomorrow morning and instructs them not to	
	read or listen to anything on TV or radio about this case.	
1	1 Filed Government's Memorandum in Support of Admission of Johnson's	8.
77 17	Statements. Filed Defendant's Memorandum re Miranda Warning.	9.
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00 00	ILIAL LESUMEU.	
	Court, requests to put both Mr. Gardner and Mr. Kiniry back	
	on the stand	
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	for Government.	

DATE 1974		PROCEEDINGS
une	11	Gary Gardner was recalled and further examined for Govern- ment.
11	**	Court makes inquiry of witness.
-11	77	Court states to counsel that Court finds that information
		given to Court at the time of arraignment shows that
	-	the defendant is 23 years of age and had completed
	-+	two years of college and at the time of arraignment was
	-+	enrolled in Housatonic Community College; that Defen-
		dant Johnson was warned of his right to remain silent,
		that anything he said could be used against him in a
		Court and that he had the right to the presence of an
		attorney and that if he couldn't afford an attorney
		one would be appointed for him if he so desired and
		that if he could not afford an attorney the Court or
		a U. S. Magistrate would appoint one for him. He was
		further advised if he declined to answer questions
		now, with or without a lawyer, he would have the right
		to stop the questioning at any time or at any time with
		consultation with the lawyer and that he was further
		advised that he could waive his right to counsel and his
		right to remain silent and to remain silent without con-
		sulting a lawyer; that after these warnings were given,
		the defendant Raymond Johnson signed in the presence of Special Agent Gardner a signed waiver that left
		of Special Agent Gardner a signed walver that left
		blank the time and date of signing and the time and date
		he was taken into custody. In view of all the facts
		presented, the full Miranda warnings were given and the
		defendant knowingly and intelligently waived his right
		and agreed to answer the questions propounded by Special
- 11	- 00	Agent Gardner.
		In open Court, Jury present, Gary Gardner and Raymond Kiniry, Jr. were recalled and further examined for Government.
11	10	Thomas Baldwin, sworn by Clerk, was examined for Government.
		Jury excused. Mr. O'Neill states to Court what he intends
		Jury excused. Mr. O'Nelli states to court what he intends
		to present to the Jury in calling his next witnesses and the testimony to be asked of these witnesses; that he seeks
		to introduce that Defendant Johnson lied of having drugs
		in his possession and to seek knowledge and intent of
- 11	11	Defendant Johnson, objected to by Mr. Gibson.
		ORDERED: that the Court has considered the matter on the
		strength of the present record and the Court rules that the prohibitive value of the Government's offer is not of
		sufficient importance to overcome the possible prejudicial
-		Suitelent importance to overcome the possible projection
		effect of the possible arrest and information developed by the Government on January 8, 1974, concerning the
		possession of other drugs. The offer of the Government
		is excluded.
***	**	Is excluded.
••		In open Court, Jury present, the following witnesses, sworn by Clerk, were examined for Government: Haig Soghigian,
		Robert J. Grant and Miss Anna E. Finnerty.
-11	71	Filed Defendant's Request to Charge.
	- 11	In open Court, Jury not present. At 1:38 P.M. Government
		Mr. Gibson moves the Court to enter a Judgment of Acquittal
	11	We Ginson moves the Court to enter a judgment of Acquittal
**		for Defendant Johnson on all four counts, objected to

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June	11	by Mr. O'Neill.
- 11	-11	ORDERED: that defendant's motion for Judgment of Acquittal
		is denied.
	"	In open Court, Jury present, opening statements were made to the Jury by Mr. Gibson.
- 11	11	Jury excused.
***	11	Stephen Lester Loewe, sworn by Clerk, was informed by Court he
		was brought here to testify in this case and that he has
		the right to remain silent as to any questions and has the
		right to call his counsel or some other counsel if he pre- ferred before making any statements but Mr. Loewe informed
		Court he didn't care to contact his attorney and would be
		willing to testify in this case.
	11	In open Court, Jury present, Stephen Lester Loewe was examined
		for Defendant Johnson.
	12	Filed Government's Requests to Charge.
- 11	11	Filed Defendant's Supplemental Request to Charge. 12.
-11	"	Trial resumed.
	- "	Stephen Lester Loewe was recalled and cross-examined by Mr. 0'Neill.
***	11	Raymond C. Johnson, Jr., sworn by Clerk, was examined for
		Defendant.
***	**	At 3:06 P.M. Defendant rests. Government Rests. Evidence
		closed.
- "	- 11	Harold K. Mercier, sworn by Clerk, was examined for Government
		in rebuttal.
-11	- "	Court makes inquiry of witness.
		At 3:15 P.M. Government rests in rebuttal, Defendant rests. Evidence closed.
- 11	11	Jury excused.
- 11	- 11	Mr. Gibson again hoves at the close of all the evidence for a
		Judgment of Acquittal of Mr. Johnson, objected to by Mr.
		. O'Neill.
- 11	"	ORDERED: that defendant's motion for a directed verdict of
	1 40	acquittal is denied as to each and every count of the Indictment.
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		In open Court, Jury present, Jury excused until 9:30 A.M. tomorrow morning.
		In Chambers, attorneys present, Court and counsel discuss
		various issues of Government and Defendant's requests to
		Charge and what the Court intends to accept from these
		requests in presenting its Charge to the Jury.
-10	13	Trial resumed.
- 11	11	In open Court, Jury not present, Court announced to counsel and
		defendant that as a result of our Charge Conference that the
		Government has some statement to make for the record regarding
-11	- 11	Count IV.
		Mr. O'Neill states to Court that Government withdraws Count IV of the Indictment.
-11	- 11	In open Court, Jury Present, opening arguments were made to the
-	1 .	Jury by Mr. O'Neill, followed by Mr. Gibson.
	- 11	Rebuttal arguments were made to the Jury by Mr. O'Neill.
- 11	"	ORDERED: that John J. Gecha be appointed Foreman of the Jury.
n.	- 11	At 10:50 A.M. Court commences Charge to the Jury, concluding at
		11:35 A.M.
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une ''	13	After Charge, Court further instructs Jury. At 11:50 A.M. the Jury retire to deliberate the case.		
" "	11	At 11:50 A.M. the Jury retire to deliberate the case.		
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11	-	At 2:40 P.M. the Jury come into Court and report a verdict		
11		of guilty as to Counts I and II of the Indictment		
11		and report a verdict of not guilty as to Count III		
11	-	of the Indictment.		
11	10	Mr. Gibson moves that Jury be polled.		
11	**	ORDERED: Motion granted.		
	60	The Jury was polled by the Clerk.		
	- 11	Jury excused.		
***	**	ORDERED: that Court will accept the Jury's verdict of		
	-	guilty as to Counts I and II and will accept the		
		Jury's verdict of not guilty as to Count III.		
	- 00	ORDERED: that Court will grant Defendant fourteen days		
		from this date to file any motions he may care to.		
11	***	ORDERED: that bail will be continued as previously set		
		and Court will restrict travel to the State of		
		Connecticut and the State of Vermont and the Defendant		
		may travel in the State of Massachusetts for the		
		purpose of consulting with his attorney or for atten-		
		dance at Court. The travel in New Hampshire is		
		restricted to Alstead, New Hampshire.		
	90	ORDERED: that defendant is to be in contact with his		
		attorney each week or by phone.		
11		Filed Judgment Order Judgment is hereby entered on the		
		verdict of the Jury that the Defendant is guilty as		
		to Counts I and II of the Indictment and not guilty		
		as to Count III of the Indictment. Mailed copy to		
		attorneys.	13.	1
- 11	27	Deft's Motion for Judgment of Acquittal.	14.	1
- 11	27	" in Arrest of Judgment.	15.	4
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		Filed Deft.'s Memorandum in support of Motion in Arrest of		
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		Filed Deft.'s Memorandum in support of Motion for Judgment of		
		Acquittal.	18.	
		Filed Deft.'s Memorandum in support of Motion for New Trial.	19.	
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	30	FiledGovt.'s Opposition to Motion for Judgment of Acquittal and	20	7
		Memorandum in support thereof.	20.	
- ''	"	" Govt.'s Opposition to Motion for New Trial and Memorandum	21.	-
		of Points & Authorities in support thereof.		
''	"	" Govt.'s Opposition to Motion in Arrest of Judgment and	- 21	, ,
		Memorandum of Points and Authorities in opposition theret	0. 22	25
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		Judgment of Acquittal and for New Trial.		24.
ept.	20	In open Court before Judge Holden, defendant not present with	his	
		attorney, David Gibson, Esq.; Jerome O'Neill, Esq. for		
		Government.		
- 1	- 11	Hearing on defendant's motion for judgment of acquittal; and	on	
-		defendant's motion in arrest of judgment; and on defendant	nt's	
		motion for new trial.		
		Taken under consideration.		
• 11	"	Filed Response to Supplemental Memorandum of Deft. Johnson in	suppo	rt
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ot.	11	Filed Memorandum and Order Deft's Motions in arrest of judgment,
<u></u>		for judgment of acquittal and for a new trial are delited.
		Mailed copy to attys.
**	15	Mailed copy to attys. In open Court before Judge Holden. Jerome F. O'Neill, Ass't In open Court before Judge Holden. David A. Gibson, Esq., for
	1	II S. Attorney for Government. Baves
		Defendant. Defendant Johnson in Court with his attorney, David Gibson, Esq.,
"	"	Defendant Johnson in Court with his attorney, bavia
	-	for sentence on Counts I and II.
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	11	Cibeon Fed Judge Holden, Court Reporter and Clerk, U. S. Court
		of Appeals for the Second Circuit.
11	30	I Financial Affidavit of Dett in the appeal.
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of you were asked by virtue of the fact that you indicated that you wouldn't have had answered any differently to some of the questions, that if the Government prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt, that you would return a verdict of guilty. The Government suggests to you here that on each of these 3 counts, it has proved its case against RAYMOND JOHNSON, beyond a reasonable doubt and on that basis, would ask you to return a verdict of "guilty" on each of those three counts.

THE COURT: We'll take a short recess.

(RECESSED FROM 10:30 A.M. UNTIL 10:47 A.M.)

DEPUTY CLERK KEITH SYLVESTER: The Crier will make proclamation for strict silence while the Court delivers the Charge to the Jury.

ye. All persons are enjoined to preserve strict silence in the court room while the Court delivers the Charge to the Jury. The marshals will guard the doors.

THE COURT: Ladies and Gentlemen, the Court appoints Mr. GECHA to serve as your Foreman, in this case.

This is a criminal prosecution by the United States against RAYMOND JOHNSON. It comes to the Court by way of a presentment of the Grand Jury in an indictment which originally charged in four counts, violation of the laws

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of The UNITED STATES. The fourth count of the indictment has been withdrawn because of - by the Government, so that there are present for you to consider, three counts.

Later in the course of these instructions I will refer to the specific offenses alleged in each count. Before considering the specific a charges asserted in the indictment, I will instruct you concerning certain general rules that are to govern your deliberations in this case and it is your duty as jurors, to follow the law as stated in the instructions by the Court and to apply therules of law so given to the facts as you find them to be from the evidence in the case.

Now, you are the sole judges of the facts and you are not to single out any one instruction alone as stating the law but must consider the instructions in their entirety.

As I indicated earlier, in the trial, the fact that the Defendant has been indicted by the Grand Jury must in no way influence your verdict. The indictment is nothing more than a formal method of accusing the defendant of a crime prior to trial.

The GRand Jury investigation is necessarily one-sided. The Government presents to the Grand Jury all the evidence favorable to the return of an indictment.

Whereas, the Defendant has no opportunity on this occasion to present evidence in his own behalf. Thus, the indictment is not evidence of any kind against the accused and must not create any, or permit any presumption of inference of guilt.

Now, how do you determine the truth and how do you determine and appraise the credibility of the witnesses who have appeared before you? Well, you must use your plain common, every day, sense. You have seen the witnesses and you have been observing the manner of their testimony and whatever credit you may give them must be determined by their conduct, their manner of testifying, their relationship and the interest that the witness may have in the outcome.

In other words, you again apply your common sense and your every day experience. You may, of course, take into consideration the interest of a witness and an interested witness, of course, is not necessarily unworthy of belief, but it is a factor which you may consider in determining the weight and credibility to be given to his testimony.

If any witness has wilfully testified falsely to any material fact, you may disregard all of this testimony. Or, you may accept only such part of his testimony as you believe worthy of belief and as it appeals to your reason or judgment.

Now, a witness may be discredited, or

impeached by contradictory evidence, or by evidence that at other times the witness may have made statements inconsistent with his present testimony.

If you believe that any witness has been impeached and thus discredited, it is your exclusive province to give the testimony of that witness such credibility as you think it deserves.

Now, evidence at some other time a witness, other than the accused, has said or done something, or has failed to say or do something which is inconsistent with his testimony at the trial, may be considered by you for the sole purpose of judging the credibility of the witness but it is not to be considered as evidence or proof of the truth of what he, that ordinary witness said outside of Court.

Where, however, the witness is a defendant on trial in the case, and by such statement or other conduct the defendant admits some facts against his interests,
then such statement or other conduct, if knowingly made or
done, may be considered as evidence of the truth of the fact
as it was then stated to be as well as for the purpose of
judging his credibility.

Now, in this case the Defendant has elected to testify in his own defense. The law permits one accused of a crime to testify in his own behalf if he so

desires and he is a competent witness. The defendant's testimony is to be judged in the same way as that of any other
witness, bearing in mind the genuine interest that he has in
the final outcome.

Now the testimony of a witness may also be discredited or impeached by showing that the witness has been convicted of a felony. That is a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of years. Prior conviction does not render the witness incompetent to testify, but is, it was a circumstance which you may consider in determining the credibility of the witness and it is the province of you, the Jury, to determine the weight to be given to the testimony of the witness and as to any prior conviction by way of impeachment.

ant has been convicted of prior criminal conduct. Again, such evidence bears on the matter of the credibility of the defendant as a witness and it is a matter which you may consider. But the fact of such conviction at some other time, does not necessarily bear on the facts as appear in this case, except as they may bear on his acquaintanceship with STEPHEN LOEWE.

Now, you are to consider only the evidence in this case but in your consideration you are not limited to the statements that have been made by the witnesses

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here in Court. In other words, you are not limited solely to what you see and hear as the witness testifies. You are permitted to draw from the facts which you find have been proved, such reasonable inferences as you feel justified in the light of your experience.

The law presumes that the defendant to be innocent of a crime with which he is charged, although a defendant is accused, he begins the trial with a clean slate and the presumption of innocence continues throughout the trial down to the time in the Jury room, if that time ever comes, or ever does arrive, when you are satisifed from all the evidence, beyond a reasonable doubt, the defendant is guilty of the crime charged.

The law permits nothing but legal evidence presented before this Jury to be considered in support of any charge against the accused. So the presumption of innocence alone, is sufficient to acquit the Defendant, unless you are satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt of his guilt from all of the evidence presented.

Now, the burden of proof is on the Government to prove each element of the charges that are asserted against the Defendant, beyond a reasonable doubt and you cannot find the defendant guilty unless you determine that the Government has established by the evidence, each and

every essential element of the crime charged against him, beyond a reasonable doubt.

However, to support a verdict of guilty you need not find every fact claimed by the Government, beyond a reasonable doubt, you need only find that the crime charged in each and all of the essential elements has been proven to your satisfaction beyond a reasonable doubt from all of the evidence presented here.

A reasonable doubt is a fair doubt based upon reason and common sense arising from the state of the evidence. By proof beyond a reasonable doubt you are not to understand that all doubt is to be excluded. It is rarely possible to prove anything to an absolute certainty. It must be a substantial doubt, such as would make an honest and sensible and fair-minded person hesitate to act in a serious and important matter wherein ascertainment of the proof was conscientiously being sought.

A reasonable doubt may arise not only from the evidence produced but from, also from the lack of evidence and the law never imposes upon a defendant in a criminal case, the burden or duty of producing any evidence and since the burden is always upon the Government to prove the accused guilty by proving beyond a reasonable doubt every essential element of the crime charged, a defendant has a right

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to rely upon the failure of the prosectuion to establish such proof.

A defendant may also rely on evidence brought out on cross-examination of witnesses for the Government and if after impartial consideration of all of the evidence you can candidly say that you are not satisified of the guilt of the defendant, beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find him not guilty.

Again, I have indicated there are two types of evidence which you may consider in determining whether the defendant is guilty as charged. One, is direct evidence, such as the testimony of an eye witness. The other is circumstantial evidence which consists of proof of the chain of circumstances from which a conclusion regarding essential facts in the case may logically be drawn. regardless of the nature of the evidence, whether direct or circumstantial, the law requires that before convicting a defendant you, the jury, must be satisfied of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt and circumstantial evidence is entirely legal and proper for you to consider and you may convict on this class of evidence alone, if thereby you are persuaded, beyond a reasonable doubt, of the defendant's guilt. But, circumstances must be such as will leave the guarded discretion of a just and reasonable man or woman to the

conclusion that the crime charged has been committed and that the defendant is guilty of its commission.

Now, there has been testimony in this case that the defendant made a number of statements tending to show that he is, his innocence, at the time he was inspected at the border.

There has also been testimony that these statements were false. There is also testimony that the Defendant made certain statements at the time he was arrested in Connecticut. And there is testimony that these, that that statement was false.

Now, exculpatory statements, statements tending to prove the innocence, when shown to be false, are circumstantial evidence of guilty consciousness and have independent probative force and if you find that the defendant made certain statements about his trip to and from CANADA and about his acquaintance with STEPHEN LOEWE and that such statements were determined to be false, you may find such exculpatory statements were made either because the defendant had a guilty conscience or, as the defendant has explained, that he was confronted suddenly with simply a situation implicating him with the commission of a serious crime and that he made these statements out of apprehension of the predicament in which he found himself.

certain statements that were found to have been false concerning his trip to and from CANADA and concerning his acquaintanceship with STEPHEN LOEWE, after the drugs were found and secreted in Loewe's car, such finding of fact by you is a circumstance which may be weighed by you in determining whether or not the defendant knew, or should have known, that the drugs were hidden in the car.

Now a separate crime or offense is charged in each of the three counts of the indictment that are before you. Each charge, and the evidence pertaining to that charge, should be considered separately the fact that you may find the accused guilty or not guilty as to one of the counts charged should not control your verdict as to any of the other offenses charged.

Now, Count One of the indictment charges that on or about November first, 1973 up and to, up to and including January tenth, 1974, in the District of Vermont and elsewhere, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the Defendant, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly did combine, conspire to and agree, together with STEPHEN LOEWE, named as his co-conspirator and with other persons, to the Grand Jury unknown, to commit offenses against the UNITED STATES, namely, to violate Sections 812 and 952 (a) of Title 21 of the United States

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Code, and, this is the Conspiracy Count, and this Count alleges that it was a part of the conspiracy that the conspirators, RAYMOND JOHNSON and STEPHEN LOEWE, knowingly and intentionally, import into the United States from a place outside thereof, quantities of methamphetamine a Schedule Two controlled substance, in violation of Section 812 and 952 (a) of Title 21 of the United States Code. And the indictment further alleges that as part of the conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, certain overt acts were committed. Among others, and these acts were committed within the District of Vermont, namely, on or about December 28, 1973, STEPHEN LOEWE drove an automobile into the UNITED STATES from CANADA.

The Government relies on that overt act alone, although the second charge of an overt act, that on or about December 28, 1973, RAYMOND JOHNSON made a statement to Garry GARDNER. The Government does not rely upon that, as the Court understands it, as a basis for its conspiracy charge, so that we are only to consider the single overt act that I have referred to.

Now, the conspiracy counts charges, the conspiracy was directed to violate certain laws of the UNITED STATES.

Now, the Drug Abuse and Prevention and Control Acts, provide it shall be unlawful to import into the

UNITED STATES, from any place outside thereof, any non, any controlled substance specified in the various schedules that are named in the Drug Abuse, Prevention and Control Act.

Now, Section 812 that is referred to,

Congress has established five schedules of controlled substances to be known as Scheduled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Now, when
the Federal Drug Act was enacted, the Congress provided these
schedules and specified the controlled substances that were
to be included and when this Act was enacted any injectible
liquid which contained quantities of methamphetamine, was a
controlled substance. Later, on July 7, 1971, pursuant to
authority conferred in the Act itself, the Attorney General of
The United States, pursuant to rules and regulations specified
in the Act, added, "any form of methamphetamine" that is, not
just liquid, but any form of methamphetamine as a Schedule Two
controlled substance.

Now, a Schedule Two controlled substance means a drug or any other substance that has a high potential for abuse, be it a drug or other substances has a current accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with certain severe restrictions and abuse of the drug or any other substance may lead to severe psychological and physical dependence.

Now, these are the statutes that the

conspiracy claims, charges, the defendant violated.

Now, before a Defendant may be found guilty of a crime, the prosecution must prove by the required measure of proof that under the statute that I have referred to and other statutes that may relate to other counts, the defendant was forbidden to do the act charged in the indictment and that he intentionally committed the act.

Now, an act is done knowingly, if its done voluntarily, intentionally and not because of mistake, accident, or other innocent reason. The purpose of adding the word "knowingly" was to assure that no one would be convicted for an act done because of mistake, or an accident, or again, some other innocent reason.

As stated before with respect to an offense such as charged in this case, specific intent must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt before there can be a conviction.

"unlawfully". That means, contrary to the law. So the meaning of the word unlawfully, means to do something wilfully, that is contrary to the law. And an act is done wilfully if it's done voluntarily and intentionally and with the specific intent to do something that the law forbids. That is to say, with a bad purpose, either to disobey or to disregard the law.

Now then, in order to find the defendant guilty of conspiracy as charged in Count One of the indictment you must find, beyond a reasonable doubt, first, that at some time during the period from on or about November first, 1973, to January 10, 1974 an agreement existed between at least two of the conspirators. That is, between RAYMOND JOHNSON and STEPHEN LOEWE.

Second, that it was an object of the, of this agreement, to distribute, to import, strike the
distribute, to importand and possess with intent - I'm sorry.
Secondly, that it was the object of the agreement to import
into the United States a controlled substance such as methamphetamine.

Third, in order to find the defendant guilty of the crime of conspiracy, you will recall that I instructed you some time during the trial that the guilt is a personal thing and you must find beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant willingly associated himself with the conspiracy and participated in it.

Fourth, that one of the conspirators knowingly committed that at least one of the overt acts set forth in the indictment at or about the time and place alleged. And that such overt act was knowingly done in furtherance of some object or purpose of the conspiracy.

Now, what is a conspiracy? A conspiracy is a combination or agreement of two or more persons, by a concerted action, to accomplish a criminal or unlawful act by a criminal or unlawful means.

The gist of the crime of conspiracy is the unlawful combination or agreement to violate the law.

Whether or not the defendants accomplished what is alleged they conspired to do, is immaterial to the question of guilt or innocence.

A conspiracy is sometimes or has some times been called a partnership in a criminal purpose in which each member becomes the act of the other. However, to establish that a conspiracy existed, the Government is not required to show that two persons got together and entered into a solemn contract, orally or in writing, stating that they had formed a conspiracy to violate the law and setting forth the details of their plans. The means by which the unlawful object is to be carried out or the part to be played by each conspirator. Indeed, it would be extraordinary if there were such a formal agreement.

Your common sense will tell you that when persons in fact, undertake to enter into a criminal conspiracy, much is left to unexpressed understanding. Conspirators do not usually reduce their agreement to writing or

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acknowledge it openly or between themselves, nor will they publicly broadcast their plans. By its very nature, a conspiracy is usually characterized by secrecy, rendering detection difficult. Thus, it is sufficient if two or more persons in any manner, through any contrivance, impliedly or tacitly come to a common understanding to violate the law. Express language or specific words are not required to indicate assent or attachment to a conspiracy.

In determining whether there has been an unlawful agreement, you may judge acts in conduct of the members of the conspiracy, that is Mr. LOEWE and Mr. JOHNSON, to enter into and to carry out an apparent criminal purpose. Usually the only evidence available is that of disconnected acts on the part of the alleged individual conspirators, which acts, however, when taken together, in connection with each other and with the reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom, show a conspiracy or agreement to secure a particular result as satisfactorily and conclusively as more direct proof and if, upon consideration of all the evidence, direct or circumstantial, you find beyond a reasonable doubt that the minds of the two alleged conspirators, met in an understanding way and that they agreed as I have explained a conspiratorial agreement to you, to work together in furtherance of an unlawful scheme alleged in the indictment, then proof of the

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existence of the conspiracy is established.

existed from, or, - November first 1973 and thereafter, up to January 10, 1974. Now, you need not find that the conspiracy began exactly on November first, 1973 and came to an end on January 10, 1974. If you find that at some time during this period which began during the times indicated the conspiracy existed, that is sufficient.

Now, once satisfied that the conspiracy charge existed, you must then determine whether, who its members were. In deciding whether the defendant was a member of the conspiracy, you should consider from all of the evidence whether the defendant knowingly and purposely entered the conspiracy. And in determining whether he became a member of the conspiracy you must determine not only whether he participated in it, but whether he did so with knowledge of its unlawful purpose. Did he join with STEPHEN LOEWE in some of the basic aims and purposes, unlawful purposes, that were alleged in the indictment?

Now, knowledge is usually a matter of inference from facts proved. It is not necessary that the defendant be fully informed as to the details of the scope of the unlawful agreement in order to justify any inference or knowledge on his part. To have guilty knowledge, the defendant

need not know the full extent of what his co-conspirator was doing in all of his activities as an actor.

I want to caution you, however, that mere association by one or more of the conspirators does not make out that the defendant was a member of the conspiracy, nor is knowledge, without participation, sufficient. It is necessary for the defendant to actually participate with knowledge of some of the purposes of the conspiracy and with the intent to aid in the accomplishment of its purposes.

So, if you find the conspiracy did exist and the defendant knowingly participated in it, the extent of his participation has no bearing on his guilt or innocence. The guilt of the conspiracy is not measured by the extent or the duration of the defendant's participation even if he participated in it to a degree more limited than that of his coconspirators is equally culpable so long as he was in fact, a conspirator.

Now, if you find by the required proof that a conspiracy did exist and had as one of its objects the import, unlawful importation of methamphetamine from outside the United States, into the United States and that STEPHEN LOEWE was a member of the conspiracy with him, then there still remains a fourth factor that must be established and the fourth requirement is that there be an overt act.

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You may not find a defendant quilty of a conspiracy unless and until you are convinced that at least one overt act charged in the indictment was committed by at least one of the conspirators. So then, the offense of conspiracy is complete when the unlawful agreement is made out and an overt act is done by a conspirator to accomplish the object of the conspiracy. Thus, the overt act required is one which furthers the objectives or purposes of the conspiracy. It does not have to be a criminal act or an act which of itself, constitutes an object of the conspiracy, it may be an act which is innocent on its face. Such as driving an automobile. But it must be of such character that it furthers or promotes or aids and assists in the accomplishment of the purposes of the conspiracy. Thus the overt act upon which the Government relies is that on or about December 28, 1973, STEPHEN LOEWE drove an automobile into the United States from Canada, the Government must prove and satisfy you by the required proof, that this act was committed as an overt act alleged in the indictment and it was done in furtherance of the conspiracy.

Now, when it appears beyond a reasonable doubt from the evidence in the case that a conspiracy existed and that the defendant was one of its members, then the statements thereafter, knowingly made, and the acts thereafter.

knowingly done by any person found to be a member of the
conspiracy, may be considered by you, the Jury, as evidence
in the case as to the defendant who was found to be a member
of the conspiracy even though the statements and acts may
have occurred in his absence and without the knowledge of the
defendant, provided such statements and acts were knowingly
done and made during the continuance of the conspiracy and in
furtherance of its object. Otherwise, any admission or in-
criminating statement made or an act done outside of court not
by one person may/be considered as evidence against any person
who was not present, and did not hear the statement made, or,
see the act done.

Therefore, any statements of any conspirator which are not in furtherance of the conspiracy, or made before it existed, or after its termination, may be considered only against the person making them.

Now, Count Two charges that on or about the 28th day of December 1973 in the judicial District of Vermont, RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendant, did unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully import into the United States from a place outside thereof, approximately one and one-half pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule Two controlled substance.

There are two statutes that are alleged to have been violated in this connection. First is 952(b),

which is set forth in the, this count of the indictment and that Section 952(b) of Title 21 of the United States Code and that section provides - in the pertinent part - that it shall be unlawful to import into the United States from any place outside thereof, any controlled substance. In Schedule Two.

The second statute involved in the case is Section 2 of Title 18 of the United States Code which reads in part as follows: "Whoever commits an offense against the United States, or aids and abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principle."

you can find the defendant guilty of the crime charged in

Count Two of the indictment, you must be convinced, beyond a

reasonable doubt, that the Government has proved the following

elements:

First, that on or about December 28, 1973, STEPHEN LOEWE brought a controlled substance into the United States from a place outside thereof and that he did so unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly.

Third, that RAYMOND JOHNSON, the Defendant, on trial here today, aided and abetted and counseled

LOEWE in committing this act.

Lastly, that JCHNSON did so unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly.

trolled substance which LOEWE brought into the United States was methamphetamine and I instruct you as a matter of law, on the present record, that methamphetamine, is a Schedule Two controlled substance. You, however, must still find beyond a reasonable doubt whether the imported substance was in fact, methamphetamine. The Government is not required to prove the exact amount of the substance.

Now again, the term unlawfully, I have referred to before. It has the same general meaning that it has here. The term unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, means that you must be satisfied that the defendant knew what he was doing and that he did it deliberately and voluntarily, as opposed to something done accidentally, mistakenly or as a result of some coercion, or mistake.

Of course, it is not necessary that the defendant knew he was violating any particular law, rather, it is sufficient if you are convinced that, beyond a reasonable doubt, that he was aware of the general unlawful nature of his act.

Now, to sustain the conviction of one who has been charged as an aider and abettor, it is necessary there be evidence showing that the offense has been committed by the principle, STEPHEN LOEWE, and that LOEWE was aided and

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abetted by the accused, Mr. JOHNSON.

And you should understand that under
Title 18, Section 2, that is referred to and charged in the
indictment, a person who aids and abets another in committing
an offense is just as guilty of that offense as if he committed it himself.

Now conviction of the offense of aiding and abetting, requires that the accused, in some sort, associated himself with the venture and that he participated in it as something he wished to bring about and that he seeks to, by his action, to make it succeed. But knowledge that a crime is being committed even when coupled with the presence at the scene of its commission, is generally not enough to constitute aiding and abetting.

person engaged in crime does not render the companion an aider or abettor. An aider and abettor must be a participant rather than a knowing spectator and to determine whether the defendant aided and abetted in the importation of methamphetamine, you should require, you should inquire, did the defendant associate himself with the venture. Did he participate in it as something he wished to have accomplished? Did he seek, by his action, to make it succeed? And if you are persuaded, beyond a reasonable doubt, that he did, then the Defendant may be

1 found guilty as an aider and abettor.

Count Three charges that on or about the 28th day of December in the Judicial District of Vermont, RAYMOND JOHNSON did, unlawfully, knowingly and wilfully, possess with intent to distribute approximately one and a half pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule Two controlled substance in violation of Section 841 of Title 21 of United States Code and Section 2 of Title 18 of United States Code.

Now, the charge in Count Three relates to violations of these sections that I have referred to and Section 841 provides that it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to distribute or possess with intent to distribute, a controlled substance.

The other statute mentioned in count, of this count, or the, of the indictment, is as in the previous count, Section 2 of Title 18, which provides as I have indicated, that whoever commits an offense against the United States, or aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission, is punishable as a principle. Now, the word "intent" refers to a person's state of mind. So the term, "possess with intent to distribute" can fairly be stated to mean to control an item with a state of mind or purpose, to distribute it at some time in the future.

You should also note that in connection

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with this element and this count of the indictment, the defendant is charged with aiding and abetting in the possession of the methamphetamine with an intent to distribute.

I have instructed you as a matter of law that methamphetamine is a Schedule Two controlled substance. So, you are required to find, beyond a reasonable doubt, whether the substance alleged to have been distributed here, was methamphetamine.

Now, the second element is that the defendant aided and abetted in the possession of methamphetamine, with the intent to distribute it.

Again, before you may find the defendant guilty of this count in the indictment, you must be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt, that the Government has proved these elements. First, that on or about December 28, 1974, a quantity of methamphetamine was possessed by someone with intent to distribute it. Secondly, that the defendant aided and abetted in the possession with intent to distribute. Third, that the action of the defendant was done unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly.

Now, the word "possession" has its common, every-day meaning. That is, to have something within your control. To have something within your control does not necessarily mean you have to have it in your hand or in your

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pocket. Control may be demonstrated by the existence of a working relationship between the person having the control and the person with actual physical custody.

Now, to recapitulate as to Count One, if the Government has persuaded you, beyond a reasonable doubt, each of the following facts. First, that the conspiracy described in the Count was wilfully formed and was in existence some time during the period from November 1, 1973 to January 10, 1974.

Secondly, that the object of the conspiracy was to import methamphetamine from outside of the United States into the United States.

Third, that the accused intentionally became a member of the conspiracy.

Fourth, that one or more of the conspirators, knowingly committed the overt act named in the indictment at or about the time alleged and that the overt act was knowingly done in furtherance of the purpose of the conspiracy.

may find the accused guilty. If the Government's evidence has failed to satisfy you, beyond a reasonable doubt, as to any of these essential elements of the offense as to RAYMOND JOHNSON, you will find him "not guilty" of the conspiracy.

Count Two is the importation charge and

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essential facts, first then on December 28, 1973, STEPHEN LOEWE brought into the High Gate Springs Port of Entry, from Canada, a quantity of methamphetamine, secondly, that LOEWE did so unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, thirdly, that the defendant, RAYMOND JOHNSON, unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly aided and abetted LOEWE. If these facts are established by the required proof, you may find the accused "guilty" of Count Two. If the evidence fails to persuade you, beyond a reasonable doubt, as to each and all of these essential elements, you will find the defendant, "not guilty" on Count Two.

And as to Count Three if the evidence presented persuades you by the required proof, each of the following essential elements, one, that on or about December 28th, 1973, a quantity of methamphetamine was possessed by someone who, with the intent to distribute and control the controlled substance, two, that the accused aided and abetted in the possession of the methamphetamine with the intent to distribute it, three, that the action of the defendant was done unlawfully, wilfully and knowingly, then you may find the accused "guilty" of Count Three. If you are not so satisfied by the required proof, you will find the defendant, "not guilty" as to Count Three.

Now, you have been chosen as jurors in

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this case, to try the issues of fact presented by the allegations of the indictment and the denial made by the defendant that he is not guilty and you are to perform the duty of trying the facts without bias or prejudice to any party.

The law does not permit jurors to be governed by sympathy, prejudice or public opinion. Both the defendant and the public expect that you will carefully and impartially consider all of the evidence in the case, follow the law as stated by the Court, and reach a true and just verdict. (11:23 a.m.)

gest that you that the finding of facts in this case are entirely for you and the law is for the Court and whatever reference the Court has made to the evidence of the claims of the parties, is only for the purpose of applying the principles of law to the issues of fact in this case and without any purpose of indicating in the least degree, how the Court may think the case ought to be decided on the facts. That is for you to determine and for you to determine, alone.

The exhibits which have been admitted in the case during the trial, of course, are for your consideration in the course of your deliberations.

You will be required in delivering your verdict, to state your finding of guilty or not guilty as to

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the defendant, on each count of the indictment. Your verdict will be oral and will be announced by your Foreman when called upon to do so by the Clerk, after you have reached a decision in this case.

If, during the course of your deliberations you have any questions that you wish to address to the Court, you may give, make your inquiry and do it in writing and have the questions signed by the Foreman and deliver it to the Marshal and that will be delivered to me and I will take whatever action I feel is appropriate under the circumstances.

If you need any of the evidence, any of the testimony that is in the record referred to, the Court requests that you make that known as far as, in advance as possible, so that the Reporter may go through his notes and find out what part of the testimony of the particular witness you may wish to have read back.

The Court will entertain objections.

AT THE BENCH OUT OF HEARING BY THE JURY:

MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, I have some disagreement with some parts of the charge but I have no parts of it that I would request be changed, at this point in time because I think they are too minor to take them into context here.

	MD CIRCON. The Defendant would except
1	MR. GIBSON: The Defendant would except
2	to the ommission of the last sentence of Defendant's Requests
3	to Charge #11: "There has been evidence that defendant has been convicted of prior criminal con-
4	duct. Such evidence bears only on the matter of credibility of the defendant
5	as a witness. It is not to be considered as bearing on the guilt or innocence of
6	the defendant in this case".
7	THE COURT: Just a second. We'll note
8	your objection.
9	MR. GIBSON: Also to the ommission of
10	charging Requests Number 9 and 10:
11	"#9: This case involves circumstantial evidence. If the circumstances, as you
12	find them, donot exclude every reason- able hypothesis but that of guilt, then
13	you must find the defendant not guilty."
14	"#10: If you find that the circumst .n- tial evidence gives equal support to
15	opposite conclusions, concerning the defendant's guilt or innocence, then you
16	must find the defendant not guilty."
17	THE COURT: We will note your objection
18	to #9.
19	MR. GIBSON: I also feel that I must
20	take exception to part of the Court's charge concerning false
21	exculpatory statements, the one point I believe the Court
22	stated that false exculpatory statements are evidence of guilty
23	consciousness and I believe the facts that it would have been

better to say there may be evidence of guilty consciousness, and -

1	MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, you, my recol-
2	lection seems to be that the Court said, "may be".
3	MR. GIBSON: At a later point, but I
4	think at a certain point he did not.
5	MR. O'NEILL: There is also given in the
6	alternative that it need not be considered that way either.
7	I thinks if, I think if the Court probably gave it in the
8	alternative later and that it not be considered that way.
9	THE COURT: Out of an abundance of cau-
10	tion, I will.
11	MR. GIBSON: The other - just, I just
12	have three further points, Your Honor, also, the one point I
13	think you referred to "knew, or should have known," of the
14	presence of the drugs. I must except to the phrase "or should
15	have known."
16	THE COURT: Yes. Ithink I know where
17	you are.
18	MR. GIBSON: The next point, - do you
19	wish me to go over any of those, Your Honor?
20	THE COURT: No, I think I've got them.
21	MR. GIBSON: Okay. At the point where
22	you are talking about conspiracy and membership in a conspiracy
23	although it was qualified later on, at one point I think you
24	stated something to the effect that the Jury could judge from

acts and conduct of members of the conspiracy, i.d., Mr. John son, Mr. Loewe, as though they were members, even ' cugh later on you said that if you find them to be members and feel that perhaps it would have been proper to include the words "alleged Members," in that portion of the charge and I would except to the ommission of that word.

The final observation I have in exception would be that as I understand the charge that they could find that the conspiracy, if there was one, could have been formed after December 28th and prior to January tenth, but 10 the only overt act relied on by the Government occurred on December 28th and that perhaps there should be some clarifica-13 tion on that.

14 MR. O'NEILL: I didn't take that from the context of the Charge, Your Honor. I think that will simply 16 be confusing.

17 THE COURT: I was thinking about the 18 acts of the co-conspirators. You are speaking about the acts 19 of the co-conspirators?

20 MR. GIBSON: No, I was talking about 21 the charge. The indictment was stated to be from November 1 to 22 January 10 that it need not have started on November and ended 23 on January 10, but that at some point in between those times, 24 that the Jury found the conspiracy had existed, did come into

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existence and that it just seemed to me that since there was some testimony as to events after December 28th, that it would permit the Jury to determine that the conspiracy existed or came into existence after December 28, but the only act relied on by the Government, occurred on December 28th and that it could be confusing to the Jury and I don't think it would be proper to say that the conspiracy could have come into existence after December 28th for Mr. JOHNSON to be convicted of Count One.

MR.O 'NEILL: Your Honor, may I be 11 heard? The Court I think, clearly instructed the Jury in that respect to the overt act, they had to find that the overt act was in furtherance of the conspiracy. The act, how could the act be in furtherance of the conspiracy if the conspiracy didn't exist? If you are concerned about going into areas such as that, only for the name's confusing. I don't see any way the Jury could find that the conspiracy began after December 28th. Maybe they want to find that there was one before that, or through that date that there wasn't one. that it is inconceivable on the state of the evidence, that is the problem that I am concerned about the possible confusion on that if we start getting back into it.

MR. GIBSON: That's all I have, Your

Honor.

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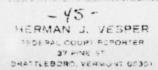
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MR. O'NEILL: Your Honor, may I have, I just have one perhaps I might have one amendment. I didn't want to bring in, too minor a point, it wasn't going to be in the instructions because I didn't want to take them out of context. I would ask the Court to consider this. The Court, Your Honor, has talked about reasonable doubt, or finding beyond a reasonable doubt, or at least in one instance, if you do not find the defendant guilty, beyond a reasonable doubt, then you should find him "not guilty". Your Honor, we think there is a sequel to that, that if you should find him "guilty" beyond, if you find that he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, you should find him guilty. The Court indicated that you may find him not guilty at one point, if that standard isn't met. Well, must find him not guilty but may find him guilty if it goes beyond. We think it goes two ways, Your Honor, that's all.

THE COURT: Well, I don't think I'll get into that. I charged reasonable doubt and that is it.

MR. GIBSON: I believe at one point the Court said false exculpatory statements are evidence of guilty consciousness and I think it would have been prefermable to state that those statements may be evidence of guilty consciousness.

THE COURT: I said they are circumstantial



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MR. GIBSON: Of guilty consciousness I think. I thought the word "are" should have been made. I think this is later on in that same general passage where you used the words, "or should have known". I think it is after the "are" so I am quite certain it was after the one where you were talking about "are evidence."

(11:43 A.M.) COUNSEL AND REPORTER RESUMED NORMAL SEATS

THE COURT: Counsel have brought to my attention a point that may cause some misunderstanding in regard to my instructions regarding false exculpatory statements. I want to point out to you that exculpatory statements, when shown to be false, may be considered by you as circumstantial evidence of quilty consciousness and if you so find you may consider that evidence as having a probative effect. Also, in the same connection, if you find that the defendant made certain statements there were found to have been subsequently false, concerning his trip to Canada and concerning his acquaintanceship with STEPHEN LOEWE, after the drugs were found secreted in Loewe's car, such a finding of fact, by you, is a circumstance to be weighed by you in determining whether or not the defendant knew that the drugs were hidden in the car, whether or not he did know. And in that connection it's not whether he should have known but whether he actually knew.

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Now, as to each and every count in the indictment, if the Government's evidence persuades you beyond a reasonable doubt as to each and all of the elements to each crime charged in that particular count, you will find the defendant "guilty". If the Government's evidence fails to persuade you, beyond a reasonable doubt, as to each essential element as to the offenses charged in the several counts, you will find the defendant "not guilty". Anything further?

> MR. GIBSON: That is all.

MR. O'NEILL: Nothing.

The Marshal will come forward THE COURT:

to be sworn.

(Marshal sworn by the Clerk at 11:59 a.m.)

THE COURT: The Court at this time will excuse you, Mrs. CIOFFI and Mrs. ALLEN and we will express our appreciation for your attendance throughout the trial even though you haven't been called upon to participate in the deliberations, final deliberations and the verdict, but you will - you have been here as stand-by, in a stand-by capacity but your services are highly important and you are excused at this time and it doesn't appear that we will need your services in the immediate future. We have no further jury work scheduled for the remainder of this month but in any event if you are needed for some reason, the Clerk will

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Raymond Johnson

Criminal Action File No. 74-36

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

After trial and verdict of guilty on Counts I and II. and not guilty verdict on Count III, the defendant Raymond Johnson has moved to arrest the judgment of guilt on Count I, for judgment of acquittal on Counts I and II and for a new trial. Count I alleges a conspiracy to violate U.S.C. §§ 812 and 952(a), in the importation into the United States of quantities of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. Count II accused the defendant of unlawful possession with intent to distribute one and a half pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance. The defendant was found not guilty of possession with intent to distribute one and a half pounds of methamphetamine. The date of all offenses is alleged to have been December 28, 1973. The verdict of guilty has been challenged by a motion to arrest the judgment on Count I, a motion for judgment of acquittal, and for a new trial on Counts I and II.

Motion to Arrest

The premise for the motion to arrest the judgment and dismiss Count I is that the conspiracy count and the offense charged of unlawful possession have been merged with the result that the defendant has been exposed to double jeopardy. The argument is advanced on Justice Rutledge's dissent in <u>United</u>

States v. Pinkerton, 328 U.S. 640, 649-650 (1946). The majority of the Court, however, by Justice Douglas, rejected -

"... the proposition that the substantive offenses were merged in the conspiracy. - And the plea of double jectardy is no defense to a conviction for both offenses." Id. at 643.

Conspiring to commit a crime is an offense separate and distinct from the crime which the conspirators designed to accomplish. Pereira v. United States, 347 U.S. 1, 11 (1953); McDonald v. United States, 246 F.2d 727, 728 (2d Cir. 1957).

Motion for Acquittal

The defendant contends that the mere presence of the defendant in the automobile where the contraband was found is not sufficient to convict the accused of unlawful possession. This proposition is well founded, as far as it goes. See e.g. <u>United States v. Lopez-Ortiz</u>, 492 F.2d 109, 115 (5th Cir. 1974). And doubtful statements inspired by apprehension of arrest in the hope of extrication, consistent with innocence, will not generate proof of mere presence into unlawful possession. See <u>United States v. Kearse</u>, 444 F.2d 62, 64 (2d Cir. 1971). Here the fabric of the proof has more substance.

The defendant Johnson and his co-defendant Loewe had been close friends for about ten years and were boyhood friends in Milford, Connecticut, before Loewe moved to Walpole, New Hampshire. The friendship continued and Loewe and Johnson visited each other on the average of twenty-five times each year and had frequent telephone calls. In February, 1973, Loewe and Johnson were arrested in New Jersey on charges of transportation in a trailer of stolen motorcycles. The charges were later reduced. Loewe pleaded guilty to offense of disorderly conduct and entering the State of New Jersey for an illegal purpose. Johnson entered a plea of guilty to entering New Jersey for an unlawful purpose. Loewe was also convicted of motor vehicle theft in 1973 by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Johnson knew of these convictions and was also aware of the fact that Loewe was on probation and was not permitted to leave his home state of New Hampshire.

Loewe made frequent trips to Montreal for the purpose of trafficking in controlled substances. According to Loewe's testimony, he made other trips to Canada that did not involve the purchase and transportation of drugs. Both Loewe and Johnson testified that they made a trip to Canada in October or November, 1973. They denied a prior trip in December, 1973. However, the records of the Immigration Service establish that Loewe and Johnson entered the United States from Canada at the Highgate port of entry on December 9, 1973. Loewe was addicted to narcotics and supported himself and his habit by the purchase and sale of methamphetamine. His connection and source of supply was a dealer in Montreal. His trips to Canada were made about every ten days.

On December 26, 1973, Johnson traveled in stormy weather to Walpole, New Hampshire, and telephoned Loewe on his arrival. After a brief stay they proceeded on icy roads from Walpole to St. Jean, Quebec, after entering Canada from New York. They registered late in the day at a motel at that location. According to the testimony of both Loewe and Johnson, the purpose of the trip was to buy motorcycle parts, The pair watched television during the evening. Johnson testified he went to sleep at 9:00 P.M. Loewe's story was that he remained awake until about 2:00 A.M. on December 27, when he departed for a prearranged meeting with his "connection" at a bar in Montreal. The transaction was accomplished as planned. Loewe purchased a substantial amount of methamphetamine for \$3,500. He testified he concealed the purchases by removing the door panel and placing the contraband in the door cavity and replacing the panel. He testified he returned to the motel room at St. Jean without awaking Johnson. When Johnson awoke about 9:00 A.M. the two left the motel for Montreal. There they spent the day in fruitless effort to locate motorcycle parts. When they learned there was no auction of police motorcycles and equipment, they wandered aimlessly from eating houses to bars. They slept in Loewe's car in a parking lot on the night of December 27-28, 1973. On December 28, 1973, they made the return journey to the United States and sought entry at Highgate.

They arrived at the point of entry with Loewe operating the vehicle. Johnson was seated on the passenger side of the front seat. After a primary inspection by an investigation inspector, the vehicle and its occupants were referred to a customs official for a more thorough inspection. Johnson appeared highly nervous and upset. The U.S. Customs Inspector Hamilton did a thorough search of the vehicle with a flash-light and metal prod. He observed a piece of plastic protruding from the lower door cavity of the right front door. Directing the beam down the door cavity from the window opening, he detected two plastic bags which contained 525 grains of methamphetamine. Gary Gardner, special agent, United States Customs Service, Burlington, was summoned.

In the interim Johnson and Loewe were directed to the customs office. They were informed they were being detained for suspected contraband. The Inspector Kiniry read the Miranda warnings to both subjects. They elected to remain silent and no interrogation was conducted pending the arrival of Special Agent Gardner.

While seated together at the customs house, Johnson and Loewe had the opportunity to communicate. During this interval Johnson inquired of one of the officials on duty, if his predicament would be bettered if the investigating officer knew that Johnson was hitchhiking when he was picked up by Loewe. Both Johnson and Loewe had learned, when confined in New Jersey, of a successful fabrication of a hitchhiking story as an exculpatory ruse available to a passenger in a vehicle transporting contraband. Johnson

went on to state that he had entered Canada to visit a girlfriend at St. Jean, Quebec, that he couldn't locate her and was returning home when he was given a ride by Loewe. He stated he had never seen Loewe before this chance meeting. Both Johnson and Loewe adhered to this fabrication throughout the questioning at Highgate. The deception achieved some success for Johnson; he was released.

The deception was discovered by further investigation.

Johnson was indicted and later arrested in Milford, Connecticut on January 8, 1974. When Johnson inquired about the reason for his arrest, he was informed by the arresting officer that it concerned his entry into the United States from Canada. Johnson made a further false exculpatory statement, declaring spontaneously that he had never been in Canada.

During the trial the credibility of both Loewe and Johnson was substantially destroyed. The jury was justified in concluding that their combined testimony of Johnson's total ignorance of Loewe's criminal activity was unworthy of belief. See <u>United States v. Pui Kan Lam</u>, 483 F.2d 1202, 1208 (2d Cir. 1973).

The jury's verdict of guilt on the importation count and its acquittal of the defendant on the possession charge are not repugnant. The offenses are not identical.

Consistency in the verdict is not necessary. Each count in an indictment is regarded as if was a separate indictment.

Dunn v. United States, 284 U.S. 390, 393 (1931).

See also United States v. Abrams, 427 F.2d 86, 90 (2d Cir. 1970); United States v. Eisenmann, 396 F.2d 565, 568 (2d Cir. 1968).

The totality of the proof, including the false exculpatory statements of the accused constituted substantial evidence of guilt as to Counts I and II.

Giving full deference to the jury's province to determine credibility, to weigh the evidence and draw reasonable inferences from the facts presented, the triers of the fact, as just and rational men and women, were justified in their conclusion that the defendant was guilty of the conspiracy and importation counts beyond a reasonable doubt. United States v. Taylor, 464 F.2d 240, 243 (2d Cir. 1972).

The defendant's motion for judgment of acquittal and for a new trial for want of substantial evidence of guilt must be denied.

The motion for a new trial for error assigned to evidentiary rulings and to the court's instructions in submitting the case do not demonstrate cause for setting aside the jury's verdict and ordering a retrial.

The defendant's motions in arrest of judgment, for judgment of acquittal and for a new trial are denied.

Dated at Montpelier, in the District of Vermont, this 10th day of October, 1974.

James S. Holden Chief Judge

Footnote

The court determined, absent the jury's presence, that the defendant's Miranda rights were competently and faithfully observed. The court rejected the defendant's requested instruction to the effect that to convict the circumstantial evidence must exclude every reasonable hypothesis but that of guilt. See Holland v. United States, 348 U.S. 121, 139-140 (1954); United States v. Taylor, supra, 464 F.2d at 244.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF VERMONT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v

STEPHEN LOEWE and RAYMOND JOHNSON

C_A, M_o, 74-7 §§812, 841(a)(1), 841(b) (1)(B), 952(a), 960(a) (1), 960(b)(2), Title 21; §545, Title 18, United States Code

COUNT I

The Grand Jury charges:

On or about the 29th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, STEPHEN LOEWE and RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendants, unlawfully, knowingly and willfully did import into the United States from a place outside thereof approximately two pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of §§812, 952, 960(a)(1) and 960(b)(2), Title 21, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT II

The Grand Jury further charges:

On or about the 29th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, STEPHEN LOEWE and RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendants, unlawfully knowingly and willfully did possess with intent to diand dispense approximately two pounds of metham. Itamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of \$\$841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B), Title 21, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

COUNT III The Grand Jury further charges: On or about the 29th day of December, 1973, in the Judicial District of Vermont, STEPHEN LOEWE and RAYMOND JOHNSON, the defendants, unlawfully, willfully, knowingly and fraudulently did import into the United States merchandise contrary to law, to wit, approximately two pounds of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance; in violation of §545, Title 18, United States Code, and Section 2, Title 18, United States Code.

A TRUE BILL

ann L. Barre Foreman

GEORGE W. F. COOK UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By JEROME F. O'NEILL JEROME F. O'NEILL ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

DATE: January 10, 1974

CRIMINAL DOCKET UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

HOLDEN

D. C. Form No. 100 Rev. Sec Cr. 74-36 ATTORNEYS TITLE OF CASE For U. S .: THE UNITED STATES U3. U. S. Attorney STEPHEN LOEWE and RAYMOND JOHNSON For Defendant: Loewe: David Yarnell, Esq. 8-10 Congress Street (Apt) St. Albans, VT 05478 For Johnson: David A. Gibson, Esq. (Apt) 139 Main St. Brattleboro, VT 05301 STATISTICAL RECORD COSTS DATE REC. DISB. RECEIPT NO. J.S. 2 mailed FEB 5 1974 Clerk J.S. 3 mailed AUG 5 1974 LOF Marshal NOV 5 1974 70 H N Violation Docket fee Title 18 & 21 Sec. 812,841(a)(1), 841 (b)(1)(B), 952(a), 960(a) (1), 960(b)(2), 545 PROCEEDINGS 1974 Filed Magistrate's Complaint as to Deft. Loewe. Filed Magistrate's Order Specifying Methods and Conditions Jan. of Release as to Deft. Loewe.

Filed Appointment of David Yarnell, Esqs. for Deft. Loewe.

Filed Magistrate's Complaint as to Deft. Johnson.

Lied Record of Grand Jurors Concurring. 8 10 Filed Indictment in violation of Sections 812,841(a)(1), 841(b) (1)(B), 952(a), 960(a)(1), 960(b)(2), Title 21; Sec. 545 Title 18, United States Code, 5. 18 In Court before Judge Holden, Defendant Loewe present with his Attorney, David Yarnell, Esq., William Gray, Esq. for Government. For Arraignment. Court makes inquiries of Deft. Loewe before plea. Defendant Loewe waives reading of Indictment and enters a plea of not guilty as to all counts. .. . Mr. Gray moves that bail be continued in amount of \$5,000.00. ** Mr. Yarnell states Deft. Lewe cannot raise amount of bail. ORDERED: that bail be continued in sum of \$5,000.00. Case 11 -.. continued for one week to allow filing of pre-trial motions. EXMANDER SOUTH SECURITIES OF SOUTH SECURITIES XXXXXXXX

1974	PROCEEDINGS
Jan 1974	8 Filed Waiver of Defendant's presence. (Loewe) 6.
Feb.	In Court before Judge Holden, Defendant Loewe present with his Atty.
. reu.	David M. Yarnell, Esq., for change of plea.
- 11	David M. Yarnell, Esq., for change of plea. "Defendant waives reading of Indictment as to Count II.
11	" Court makes inquiries of Deft. Loewe before change of plea.
- 11	" Statements made to Court by Mr. O'Neill as to facts of case.
	Deft. Loewe asks, has leave of Court to, and does withdraw his plea of not guilty as to Count II and enters a plea of guilty as to Count II.
	" ORDERED: that Deft. Loewe's plea of guilty as to Count II be accepted
	by the Court. Pre sentence investigation to be made. Bail
	continued in sum of \$5,000.00
	" Filed Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty and Order Entering Plea. 7.
	Filed Appearance Bond as to Deft. Johnson. 8. Filed Magistrate's Warrant of Arrest as to Deft. Johnson. 9.
Jan. 10	Filed Magistrate's Warrant of Arrest as to Deft. Johnson. 9.
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reu. I.	Johnson.
Mar.	8 In Court before Judge Holden. David Reed, Esq. for Govt.; David A.
	Gibson, Esq. for Deft. Johnson. Deft. present in Court with
	his attorney for Arraignment.
11	"Court makes inquiries of Deft. Johnson before plea.
<u></u>	"Deft. Johnson waives reading of Indictment and enters a plea of not guilty as to all counts.
11	"Mr. Gibson moves for 10 days to file motions.
.11.	" ORDERED: That Deft. Johnson may have 10 days to file motions and
	hearing thereon will be held two weeks from today, and trial
-11	date will be fixed at that time.
	"Mr. Reed moves that bail be continued and that Deft. Johnson notify his attorney each week of his whereabouts.
11	" ORDERED: Motion granted. Deft. Johnson's hail continued. Deft. to
	notify his attorney each week by phone or letter as to his
	whereabouts.
" 1	Filed Motion of Deft. Raymond Johnson for Bill of Particulars. 12.
	Filed Motion of Deit. Raymond Johnson for Discovery of Certain
'	Evidence. Filed Motion of Deft., Raymond C. Johnson to Inspect and Analyze
	Substance Alleged to be illegal drug. 14.
- 11	9 Filed Memorandum of Defendant Raymond Johnson in support of Motions
	for Discovery, For Bill of Particulars. 15.
	Government's Bill of Particulars re deft. Loewe. 16.
	" Government's Response to Motions of Deft. Johnson for Dis-
	covery, Bill of Particulars, Chemical Analysis and Memoran- dum of Points and Authorities.
A	dum of Points and Authorities. 17. 2 In Court before Judge Holden. Jerome F. O'Neill, Esq. for Govt;
Apr.	David Yarnell, Esq. for Deft. Loewe. Deft present in Court
	with his attorney for Sentence
À	" Court makes inquiries of Deft. and Counsel before sentence.
	"Statements made to Court by Mr. Yarnell remitigation of sentence;
-	and by Deft. Loewe. "Filed Judgment and CommitmentDeft, adjudged a Young Adult Offender
	under 8 4208(b), T 18, USC. Deft. committed to custody of the
	Attorney General for five years, with special parole term of

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. A	pr.	2	two years. Court deferes final sentence until study under
			T 18. § 4208(c) is completed. Results of study together
			with recommendations to be furnished within three months.
Ar	or.	30	Filed Certified Copy of Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order
			returned served defendant Loewe committed on April 2, 1974
			to State Correctional Facility, Windsor, VT, and committed
			on April 24, 1974 to FCI, Milan, Michigan,
Ju	ly 1	16	In copen Court before Judge Holden, Defendant Loewe present with his
			Attorney, David Yarnell for final sentence; David Reed for
			Government.
	11	"	Court makes inquiries of Deft. Lewe and counsel before sentence.
	11	"	Statements made to Court by Mr. Yarnell re mitigation of sentence;
			followed by Mr. Loewe, father of Deft.
	11	11	Mathias Loewe, sworn by Clerk, made statements to Court for Deft.
	"	"	Court makes inquiries of Deft. Loewe, who makes statements.
	11	"	Sentence entered as to Count II. Deft. Loewe committed to custody of Attorney General for a period of three years
			custody of Attorney General for a period of three years
			with parole term of two yeas to follow. Court suggest that Bureau of Prisons place Deft. where parent may visit him.
	-11-	-11	bureau of rrisons place Deft. where parent may visit him.
_	-11	-11	Mr. Reed moves to dismiss Counts I & III as to Deft. Loewe. Ordered: Motion granted. Counts I and III as to Deft. Loewe dismiss
		-11	Ordered: Motion granted. Counts I and III as to Deit. Loewe dismiss
_			Filed Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order as to Deft. Loewe
			Court finds the Deft. will not benefit from treatment under the Yough Corrections Act. Accordingly, disposition is made
,			the fough corrections act. Accordingly, disposition is made
			as indicated in T18, USC, \$5010(d). Deft. sentenced on
			Count II. Deft, will be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for a period of 3 yrs. under T18, USC
•			§4208(a)(2) with a special parole term of 2 yrs to follow.
_			Deft. shall become eligible for parole at such time as the
_			parole board may determine. Mailed copy to Attys.
	ug.	22	Filed Certified copy of Judgment returned served, Defendant
	ug.	22	delivered on 7-16-74 to State Correctional Facility.
			Windsor, Vermont as to deft, Loewe.
0==		11	In open Court before Judge Holden. Jerome F. O'Neill,
OCL	•	10	Ass't U. S. Attorney for Government. David A. Gibson,
_			Esq., for Defendant Johnson.
11		**	Hearing on dismissal of Indictment.
0		**	Mr. O'Neill moves the Court to dismiss the Indictment.
1	-	- 11	ORDERED: that the motion of the Government to dismiss the
_			Indictment against Defendant Raymond Johnson in
_			Cr. 74-7 is granted.
Nov	· ·	14	Filed Memorandum and Order Defendant Loewe's motion for
			reduction of sentence denied. Mailed copy to attorneys
_			and Charles J. Hughes, Warden, Federal Correctional
_			Institution, Milan, Michigan 48160.
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